GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:537
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IT IN DOORDARSHAN
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan is suffering from shortage of correspondents and latest equipments on Information Technology;

(b) if so, the number of correspondents put in service at present by Doordarshan in the country, State-wise particularly in Gujarat;

(c) whether the interest of people is continuously in Doordarshan declining; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to improve the image of Doordarshan among the people?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) & (b): DD at present has 25 TV News Correspondents posted all over India.State- wise break-up of the TV News Correspondents and Assistant News Correspondents is given in Annexure. In case of emergent requirements, the Correspondents are moved from various Kendras to the place of action for adequate coverage of the event. As and when required, casual News Reporters are also engaged for assignments, which are limited to a maximum of 10 days in a month. 4 TV News Correspondents were deputedto meet the requirements of Gujarat after the recent earthquake. Modern equipment is available at all the Kendras of DD and upgradation and augmentation of the equipment is a continuous process.

(c): No Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 537 FOR ANSWE ON 23.2.2001

State-wise list of the Doordarshan`s Correspondents posted in the country

Sl.No.	State	No.of Correspondents
1.	Delhi	4
2.	Karnataka	3
3.	Orissa	1
4.	West Bengal	4
5.	Tamil Nadu	3
6.	Andhra Pradesh	3
7	Rajasthan	1
8.	Punjab	1

9. Uttar Pradesh 3
10. Bihar 1
11. Jharkhand 1

Total 25